

REMARKS

Applicants have canceled Claims 4-20, 43-61, 75, and 71-86 without prejudice or disclaimer, and have added new Claims 87-123. Enabling support for the new claims can be found in the application as filed, and therefore no new matter is contained in the amendments. Reconsideration of the present application and allowance of resulting Claims 87-123 is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and following remarks.

I. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, enablement requirement

The Office Action has rejected Claims 4-20, and 43-61 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

Claims 4-20, and 43-61 have been canceled and therefore the rejection is moot with respect to those claims. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter in these claims in one or more continuation or divisional applications.

II. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, definiteness requirement

The Office Action has rejected Claims 4-20, 43-61, and 72-86 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as failing to comply with the definiteness requirement.

Claims 4-20, 43-61, and 72-86 have been canceled and therefore the rejection is moot with respect to those claims. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter in these claims in one or more continuation or divisional applications.

III. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejected Claims 72-86 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by Kopen et al. (1999).

Claims 4 72-86 have been canceled and therefore the rejection is moot with respect to those claims. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter in these claims in one or more continuation or divisional applications.

The Office Action rejected Claims 72-74 and 76-86 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Dunbar et al. (1994).

Claims 72-74 and 76-86 have been canceled and therefore the rejection is moot with respect to those claims. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter in these claims in one or more continuation or divisional applications.

The Office Action rejected Claims 82-86 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Reynolds et al. (1992).

Claims 82-86 have been canceled and therefore the rejection is moot with respect to those claims. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter in these claims in one or more continuation or divisional applications.

The Office Action rejected Claims 72-86 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Azizi et al. (1998).

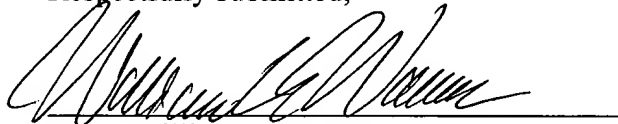
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one or more continuation or divisional applications.

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and removal of the rejections and allowance of Claims 87-123. The foregoing is submitted as a full and complete Response to the Final Office Action mailed January 2, 2004. No additional fees are believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-5029.

This Response places all claims in the present application in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited. The Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney of record if such contact will facilitate an efficient examination and allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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